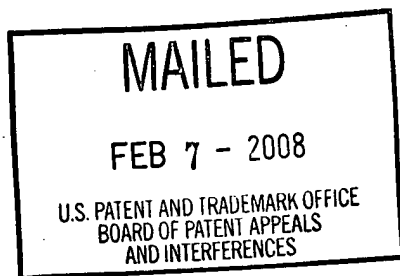


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte KATSUYI SAKAI
AND KEIICHIRO

Application No. 10/651,038



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 24, 2008. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

On March 12, 2007, appellants filed an amendment. There is no indication in the record that this amendment has been considered. Appropriate correction is required.

Application No. 09/235,875

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner:

- 1) for consideration of the amendment filed March 12, 2007; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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